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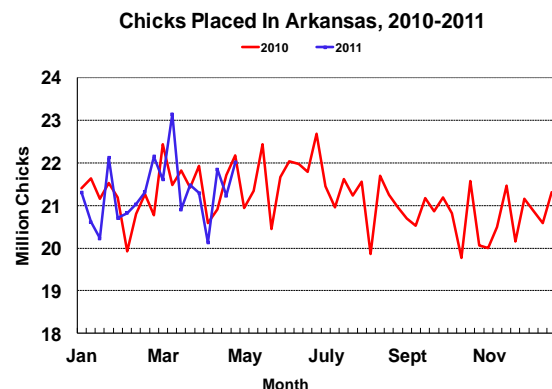
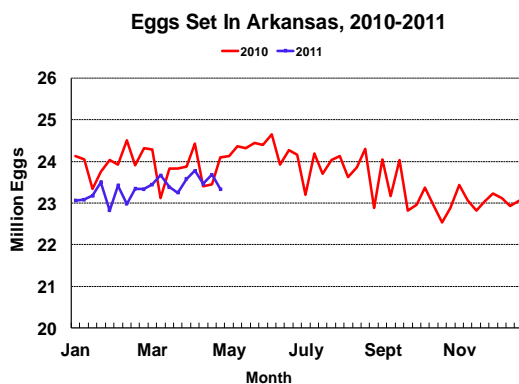


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Arkansas Chick Placements Down 1 Percent from Last Year

Broiler-type chicks placed for meat production in Arkansas were 22 million during the week ending April 30, 2011. Placements were down 1 percent from the comparable week in 2010 but up 4 percent from the previous week.

Arkansas hatcheries set 23.3 million broiler-type eggs during the week ending April 30, 2011, down 3 percent from the same period last year and down 1 percent from the previous week.



Broiler Eggs Set and Chicks Placed in 19 Major States by Week, April 2, 2011 - April 30, 2011

State	Eggs Set					Chicks Placed				
	Week Ending					Week Ending				
	2-Apr	9-Apr	16-Apr	23-Apr	30-Apr	2-Apr	9-Apr	16-Apr	23-Apr	30-Apr
Alabama	30,239	29,704	31,264	29,960	29,611	20,827	21,456	21,978	21,592	20,955
Arkansas	23,580	23,776	23,464	23,681	23,333	21,296	20,131	21,847	21,231	22,009
Delaware	3,892	3,858	3,902	3,850	3,811	5,245	4,325	4,634	4,614	4,633
Florida	1,360	1,360	1,344	1,221	1,360	1,296	1,243	1,243	1,252	1,317
Georgia	33,876	33,408	33,304	33,768	33,304	28,221	27,898	27,852	28,182	28,614
Kentucky	7,997	7,745	7,651	7,918	7,687	5,746	6,255	6,937	6,771	6,847
Louisiana	3,288	3,440	3,440	3,334	3,288	3,028	3,005	3,064	2,921	3,029
Maryland	7,730	7,747	7,749	7,733	7,738	5,547	6,226	6,221	6,355	6,403
Mississippi	19,380	19,413	19,520	19,382	19,399	16,560	16,967	17,133	16,695	16,666
N. Carolina	19,995	20,495	20,584	20,214	20,441	15,475	16,753	15,874	16,215	16,769
Oklahoma	7,006	7,310	7,219	7,182	7,033	5,206	5,531	4,199	3,740	5,022
Pennsylvania	3,546	3,691	3,461	3,839	3,753	3,229	3,117	2,982	2,809	3,013
S. Carolina	5,268	5,353	5,496	5,478	5,271	4,991	4,375	5,069	4,480	3,957
Texas	15,633	15,528	15,446	15,640	15,489	12,976	12,894	12,608	13,294	13,205
Virginia	6,593	6,315	6,040	6,232	6,685	5,439	5,316	5,532	5,112	4,906
CA,MO,TN & WV	18,625	19,147	19,239	19,292	19,654	17,701	17,199	16,704	17,291	15,981
19 State Total	208,008	208,290	209,123	208,724	207,857	172,783	172,691	173,877	172,554	173,326
Prev. Year Total	204,921	209,257	206,893	207,422	207,319	168,989	171,651	169,539	169,643	172,617
% of Prev. Year	102	100	101	101	100	102	101	103	102	100

Revisions made to the previous five-week's data during the current week are published in this report.

Broiler-Type Eggs Set Up Slightly

Commercial hatcheries in the 19 State weekly program set 208 million eggs in incubators during the week ending April 30, 2011. This was up slightly from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 84 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

Broiler-Type Chicks Placed Up Slightly

Broiler growers in the 19 State weekly program placed 173 million chicks for meat production during the week ending April 30, 2011. Placements were up slightly from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from January 2, 2011 through April 30, 2011 were 2.89 billion, up 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.